

MEMORIAL.

*To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

The memorial of Peter A. Browne, of the City of Philadelphia, in a respectful manner sheweth,

That your Memorialist, in the month of September, 1826, submitted to the public, a proposal for making a TOPOGRAPHICAL, GEOLOGICAL and MINERALOGICAL SURVEY of PENNSYLVANIA, for publishing a series of GEOLOGICAL MAPS, and forming STATE and COUNTY GEOLOGICAL and MINERALOGICAL COLLECTIONS.

As this plan has received the unanimous sanction of a very large and most respectable meeting of the citizens of Philadelphia; as it has since been approved by the PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY for the PROMOTION of INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, the Chester County Cabinet of Natural Science, and the Faculties of the Colleges of Columbia, (South Carolina), and Washington, (Virginia); as it has been noticed with decided approbation in the most approved public journals of the United States, and as it has been honoured with the good opinions of numerous gentlemen, eminent for their scientific acquirements and devotion to the prosperity of the Country, (all which will appear by the accompanying documents), it would be a work of supererogation at this time to enter into any details of its many advantages.

It was no part of the original plan to make an application for assistance to your Honourable bodies, but experience has proved that the undertaking is too gigantic for individual enterprise, and it is too magnificent to be allowed to slumber upon private patronage. It has also been very judiciously suggested, that to the LEGISLATURE of PENNSYLVANIA, properly belongs the honour of fostering this grand scheme of internal improvement.

At the last session of your Honourable bodies, a Bill, upon this subject, was reported, but its consideration was unavoidably postponed, and (it is believed) its enactment recommended to the present Legislature.

That Bill provides that the Governor shall be authorized to subscribe for 1000 copies of the maps, at the rate one dollar each; in consideration whereof, your Memorialist offered to place at the disposition of your Honourable bodies, a grand collection of all the Rocks and Minerals that should be found in Pennsylvania.

Your memorialist respectfully solicits the early attention of the Legislature, to this important subject.

P. A. BROWNE.